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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, AUGUST 20

1. NYT (PAGE 1) CHRISTOPHER WREN REPORTS SOVIET CONTENTION THAT IT IS TRUEST FRIEND OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES REACHED CRESCENDO PITCH DURING COLOMBO MEETING. YET BY ONE KEY INDEX - FOREIGN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE - MOSCOW'S CONTENTION NOT BORNE OUT BY FACTS SINCE SOVIET AID PROGRAMS ARE ONLY FRACTION OF OURS AND HIGHLY SELECTIVE, POLITICALLY PRAGMATIC AND RELATIVELY INFLEXIBLE.

2. NYT (PAGE 9) REPORT FROM BEIRUT SAYS PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS USING SOVIET-MADE SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES.

3. WP (PAGE 28) AP STORY HEADLINED "FORD NOMINATION VIEWED FAVORABLY BY ISRAELIS, TASS." QUOTES TASS STATEMENT DESCRIBING NOMINATION AS REJECTION OF REAGAN'S "ULTRA-REACTIONARY" DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY.

4. WP (OP-ED PAGE) VICTOR ZORZA DESCRIBES SOVIET DECISION TO PURCHASE RECORD BY FORMER BEATLE PAUL MCCARTNEY AS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW TREND. KREMLIN NOW SEEMS TO RECOGNIZE THAT EFFORTS TO BAN WESTERN POP MUSIC IN VAIN, AND ONLY UNCLASSIFIED

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5. WP (PAGE 12) FOUR MEMBERS OF JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE HAVE BEEN INDICTED IN NEW YORK ON CHARGES OF FIRING SHOTS INTO SOVIET RESIDENCES. INDICTMENTS REPRESENT FIRST MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH TO IDENTIFY PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH ACTION. (ALSO NYT, WSJ)

6. SUN (PAGE 4) MICHAEL BURNS REPORTS FROM SHAPE THAT GENERAL HAIG STATED SOVIET AND WARSAW PACT BUILD-UP IN NUCLEAR TACTICAL DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND CONVENTIONAL FORCES, COMBINED WITH "DIMINISHING CUSHION OF WARNING" OF ATTACK, HAS PRESSURED NATO TO INTEGRATE ITS MILITARY FORCES. MULTI-NATIONAL EXERCISES AND STANDARDIZATION OF EQUIPMENT STRESSED. KISSINGER

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